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SUBJECT: CZECH PROPOSAL FOR SIGNING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGREEMENT

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1. DURING RECEPTION FOR ILLINOIS TRADE MISSION MAY 26, JAROSLAV HANZLIK OF CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE EXPECTED PRESIDENT CERNY AND GENERAL DIRECTOR OF CENTROTEX FOREIGN TRADE CORPORATION JAROSLAV PINKAVA, WHO WILL BECOME ORGANIZING CHAIRMAN OF CZECHOSLOVAK SECTION OF CZECH/U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL, TO DECIDE THIS WEEK ON TIMING OF VISIT TO U.S. FOR SIGNING OF INTER-CHAMBER AGREEMENT. HANZLIK SAID THAT TWO-WEEK PERIOD IN MID-OCTOBER WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE AGREED UPON, ALLOWING TIME NOT ONLY FOR SIGNING CEREMONY BUT ALSO FOR TRIP TO WEST COAST (SAN FRANCISCO) WHERE CZECH DELEGATION HOPES TO HAVE COMMERCIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FIRMS LOCATED THERE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HANZLIK SAID THAT AS MANY AS EIGHT REPRESENTATIVES OF FTO'S, INDUSTRIAL TRUSTS AND PRODUCTION ENTERPRISES WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING CHARMAN PINKAVA AND PRESIDENT CERNY TO U.S. SIGNIFICANTLY, HE SINGLED OUT GENERAL DIRECTOR OF TATRA PLANT IN KOPRIVNICE, ING. MILOSLAV KOPEC, AS LIKELY MEMBER OF GROUP AND ONE WHO MIGHT HAVE SPECIFIC MATTERS TO DISCUSS DURING VISIT IN U.S.

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL (PRAGUE A-145 OF DECEMBER 7, 1973)

AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO TATRA PLANT AT KOPRIVNICE WHICH SPARKED INTEREST ON PART OF U.S. EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS, ESPECIALLY GM, IN PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF AUTOMOTIVE AND TRUCK PRODUCTION THERE. IN EMBASSY FILES THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE OF INTEREST ON BOTH SIDES (TATRA AND U.S. INDUSTRY) IN PURSUING COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES RELATED TO TATRA EXPANSION PROGRAM. HOPEFULLY, VISIT OF CHAMBER DELEGATION WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. FIRMS (MOST NOTABLY GM AND WICKES MACHINE TOOL OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN) TO EXPLORE FURTHER WITH TOP TATRA OFFICIAL JUST WHAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION MAY LAY AHEAD.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY BE LITTLE NEW IN WHAT HANZLIK HAD TO SAY, BUT HE FELT CERTAIN THAT PLANS FOR OCTOBER VISIT WILL BE FINAL BY WEEK'S END AND THIS SHOULD BE WORTH REPORTING TO U.S. CHAMBER. HANZLIK SAID THAT LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CERNY TO PRESIDENT SMITH WOULD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY WHEN DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED.  
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